

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 24 -84 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 24-84 have been added.

Although the previously pending claims are believed to be patentable, Applicant has decided to present other claims for consideration and allowance. The currently pending claims are the same as the claims allowed in the parent application Serial No. 08/910,115 and allowed in related application Serial No. 08/887,847, which is now patented, with two exceptions. First, the term "nonwoven" has been changed to "knit". Second, every recitation of "foam" has been changed to "breathable, open cell foam".

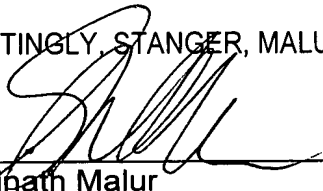
Pending claims 24-43 correspond to claims of application Serial No. 08/910,115, and pending claims 44-84 correspond to claims of application Serial No. 08/887,847. It is submitted that the current claim combinations patentably define the present invention over the art of record. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone with any questions.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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